

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

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| In the Matter of |) | |
| |) | Civil Action No. |
| Leo Stoller |) | 07 C 1435 |
| Plaintiff, <i>pro se</i> |) | |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ORDER

Leo Stoller has filed at least 49 lawsuits in this Court, individually or through one of his corporations. The docket for 04 C 3049 *Stealth Ind Inc v. George Brett & Brett, et al* lists Leo Stoller as counter defendant, an individual doing business as:

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| Central Mfg. Co. | S. Industries, Inc. | Terminator |
| Stealth | Rentamark | Rentamark.Com |
| Stealth Sports and Marine | Association Network Mgt. | USA Sports Co. Inc. |
| Stealth Industries, Inc. | Central Mfg Inc. | S. Industries |
| Sentra Industries Inc. | | |

A Memorandum Opinion and Order in 04 C 3049 reads:

Indeed, as several judges (including this one) have previously noted, Stoller appears to be running an industry that produces often spurious, vexatious, and harassing federal litigation. . . . Plaintiff and one or more of his corporate entities have been involved in at least 49 cases in this district alone. Of these, at least 47 purport to involve trademark infringement. . . . No court has ever found infringement of any trademark allegedly held by Stoller or his related companies in any reported opinion.

In addition, in 2006 and 2007, Mr. Stoller filed five appeals to the District Court in connection with orders entered by the Bankruptcy Court in 05 BK 64075, and three appeals to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in connection with one of his District Court trademark infringement cases (05 C 0725).

It is the judgment of the Executive Committee that reasonable and necessary restraints must be imposed upon Mr. Stoller's ability to file new civil cases in this District *pro se*. Cases in existence prior to the entry of this order are not affected by this order and shall proceed as usual.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE in its capacity as the supervisor of the assignment of cases, that -----


- 1) Mr. Leo Stoller, or anyone acting on his behalf, is enjoined from filing any new civil action or proceeding in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois without first obtaining leave by way of the following procedures:

- a) Any materials Mr. Stoller, or anyone acting on his behalf, wishes to submit for filing shall be delivered to Room 2050, Office of the Clerk at the Courthouse in Chicago. Only the Clerk or deputies specifically designated by the Clerk may accept such documents.
 - b) Where the document submitted is a complaint, it shall be accompanied by a motion captioned "Motion Seeking Leave to File Pursuant to Order of Executive Committee." That motion shall, in addition to requesting leave to file the complaint, include a sworn statement certifying that the claims raised by or on behalf of Mr. Stoller in the complaint are new claims never before raised in any federal court.
 - c) Whenever Mr. Stoller submits a document for filing, the clerk or designated deputy shall accept the papers, stamp them received, docket them, and forward them to the Executive Committee.
- 2) The Executive Committee will examine any complaints submitted by or on behalf of Mr. Stoller to determine whether they should be filed.
 - 3) If Mr. Stoller seeks leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the Committee will also determine if such leave should be granted. The Committee will deny leave to file any complaints if they are legally frivolous or are merely duplicative of matters already litigated. The Committee may deny leave to file any complaints not filed in conformity with this order.
 - 4) If the Executive Committee enters an order denying leave to file the materials, the clerk shall retain the order and a copy of the materials in the miscellaneous file and cause a copy of the order to be mailed to Mr. Stoller.
 - 5) If the Executive Committee enters an order granting leave to file the materials, the clerk will cause the materials to be stamped filed as of the date of the order and shall cause the case to be assigned to a judge in accordance with the rules. The clerk shall also cause a copy of the order to be mailed to Mr. Stoller.
 - 6) Mr. Stoller's failure to comply with this order may, within the discretion of the Executive Committee, result in his being held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.
 - 7) Nothing in this order shall be construed -----
 - a) to affect Mr. Stoller's ability to defend himself in any criminal action,
 - b) to deny Mr. Stoller access to the federal courts through the filing of a petition for a writ of habeas corpus or other extraordinary writ, or
 - c) to deny Mr. Stoller access to the United States Court of Appeals or the United States Supreme Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Clerk shall cause to be created and maintained a miscellaneous file with the title "In the matter of Leo Stoller " and case number 07 C 1435. The miscellaneous file shall serve as the repository of this order, all documents proffered for filing by Mr. Stoller covered by the terms of this order for which authority to file is not granted, and any order or minute order entered pursuant to this order. The Clerk will also maintain a miscellaneous docket associated with the file. All orders retained in the file will be entered on that docket following standard docketing procedures. A brief entry will be made on the docket indicating the receipt of any materials from Mr. Stoller.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the Clerk shall cause a copy of this order to be mailed to Mr. Stoller at 7115 W. North Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60302, the address given by Mr. Stoller in documents received on March 2, 2007. Such mailing shall be by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

**ENTER:
FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 8th day of March, 2007